

# House File 394 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to maximum size and weight requirements for  
2 vehicles hauling crops during the annual period of harvest.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1070YH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 5, Code 2007, is  
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:  
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Notwithstanding any other law of this  
1 4 state, during the annual period beginning October 1 and ending  
1 5 October 31, the provisions of paragraphs "a" and "b" and  
1 6 section 321E.29 are suspended, to the extent that those  
1 7 provisions restrict the movement of oversize and overweight  
1 8 loads of soybeans, corn, hay, straw, and stover and require a  
1 9 permit to transport such loads. This paragraph applies to  
1 10 loads transported on highways other than interstate roads by  
1 11 vehicles or combinations of vehicles which do not exceed a  
1 12 maximum gross weight of ninety thousand pounds and maximum  
1 13 axle weight limits under subsection 2 and which comply with  
1 14 posted limits on bridges.

### EXPLANATION

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1 16 This bill provides for annual suspension of maximum size  
1 17 and weight limits and permit requirements for vehicles hauling  
1 18 crops on noninterstate roads from October 1 through October  
1 19 31. Current law establishes graduated weight limits for  
1 20 vehicles or combinations of vehicles based on the number of  
1 21 axles, with a maximum allowable weight of 80,000 pounds. The  
1 22 bill allows a maximum gross weight of 90,000 pounds during the  
1 23 annual suspension period regardless of the number of axles,  
1 24 provided that maximum legal axle weight limits are not  
1 25 exceeded. Weight embargoes on bridges are not affected by the  
1 26 bill.  
1 27 LSB 1070YH 82  
1 28 dea:nh/sh/8